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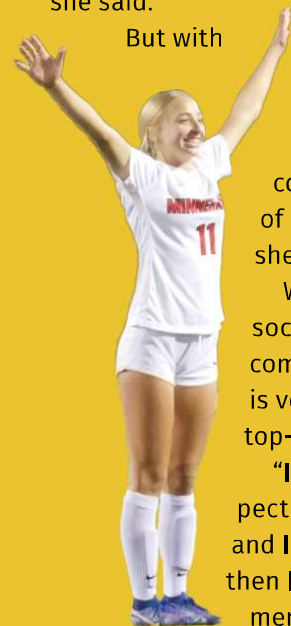
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Superstar striker: Parten powers state title run

Berit Parten, a sophomore, led her soccer team to the state tournament with her 47 goals and 23 assists in the 2021 season. Making the number one all-state team for class A and named all-conference in the Independent Metro Athletic Conference, she continues to improve.

Parten started her soccer career at around seven years old. With many obstacles along the way, she has grown into an outstanding athlete with a bright future.

"A bad coaching experience that I had at an old club almost made me quit soccer at one point," she said.



But with resilience she overcame that block in the road.

"I switched clubs and now I am getting the level of coaching I need and the level of play that is much better," she said.

With being one of the best soccer players in the state comes a lot of pressure. This is very common among the top-performing athletes.

"I feel like a lot of people expect me to be at a certain level, and I feel like if I'm not there, then I'm going to be a disappointment to them," said Parten.

Parten was a great leader on the team, not just in most scored goals.

"She was a great team leader alongside the captains. I am excited to see where the future takes her considering she is only a sophomore," said captain Penny Sedgwick.

However the pressure that comes with being tied as number one goal scorer in the state, with the number four most assists, does not stop her from achieving her dreams.

— Greta Carlson

M.A. sophomores top state tennis ranks

From girls getting energy out on the tennis court to being the top two tennis players in the state, sophomores **Isabelle Einess** and **Ancele Dolensek** have had equally difficult journeys to the top. Both had their first experiences with tennis at a young age, and after trying the sport for fun, they realized that they could do so much more.

"I started [playing tennis] when I was nine," said Einess. "My dad brought me to this weekend tennis thing, and I was immediately the best one there.... I realized maybe I could make something out of this."

Both girls became committed tennis athletes at a young age, and the hours of training began to surge. As the years went by, Einess and Dolensek both continued to advance their skills and the stakes kept rising. As life so often shows, success does not come without trials and tribulations.

With each passing year, Einess faced what felt like immense and ever-growing pressure from both her coaches and her fans. "There is a lot of pressure from being expected to do well," Einess said, "so I want to live up to that expectation, but I also put a lot of pressure on myself."

There is a certain amount of resilience needed to become an adept tennis player. After a disheartening loss at sections, Dolensek endeavored to not let one poor outcome define the rest of her season. Dolensek said she needed resilience this season "coming back after the section final and still believing that I could win state."

At the Class A singles tennis state tournament, both Einess and Dolensek won all their games in straight sets in the quarterfinals and semifinals, meaning they would have to face each other on the court for the final match of the tournament and season. Both girls won a set each, leading to a third set, which went to a tie breaker. Dolensek finally won 6-0, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5). "I lost 2-0 in the section final, and then I won state, barely," said Dolensek. Both skilled and seasoned athletes concluded their season with a 22-1 record.

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